

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 36-39, 41-50 and 52-61 are currently pending in this application. Claims 40 and 51 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 36, 41 and 47 are amended. New claims 58-61 are added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 40, 41, 43-46, 51, 52 and 54-57 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 40, 41, 43-46, 51, 52 and 54-57 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 40 and 51, which are indicated by the Examiner as being allowable, are rewritten in independent form in the base claims. Claims 41, 43-46, 52 and 54-57 are directly or indirectly dependent upon the base claims. The withdrawal of the objection to the claims 40, 41, 43-46, 51, 52 and 54-57 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 and § 103

Claims 36, 37, 39, 42, 47, 48, 50 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,675,012 to Gray. Claims 38 and 49 are

rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gray in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,940,843 to Goodall et al. (hereinafter Goodall).

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 36 and 47 are in condition for allowance and have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 40 and 51 respectively, each of which were indicated by the Examiner as being allowable.

Claims 37-39, 42 and 58-59 are directly or indirectly dependent upon claim 36, and therefore the Applicants believe these claims are allowable over the cited references for at least the same reasons provided above. Claims 48-50, 53 and 60-61 are directly or indirectly dependent upon claims 47, and therefore the Applicants believe these claims are allowable over the cited references for at least the same reasons provided above.

Based on the arguments presented above, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of claims 36, 37, 39, 42, 47, 48, 50 and 53 is respectfully requested. Based on the arguments presented above, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 38 and 49 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephonic interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this

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application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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